## **CLAIMS**

## 1-11. (Canceled)

(Currently Amended) A method of operating a microdosing device having a dosing chamber for the at least partial reception of a liquid quantity and with which is associated at least one discharge opening, a vibrating unit in operative connection with at least one boundary surface of the dosing chamber in order to vibrate the same for a discharge process, a delivery function unit, connected to the vibrating unit, for activating the latter during a delivery time period, and a drying function unit for removing liquid residues from the dosing chamber, configured for activation in timeseparated manner with respect to the delivery function unit, wherein the delivery function unit and drying function unit are parts of a common electronic control device provided with a time function elementdelay unit for coordinating the timeseparated activating processes of the delivery function unit and the drying function unit, the method comprising the steps of:

activating the delivery function unit to dispense a medium;

activating the time delay unit for a pre-determined timeseparation; and

activating the drying function unit for a drying process.

- 13. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 12, wherein the drying function unit is connected to the vibrating unit and further comprising the step of activating the vibrating unit for the drying process.
  - 14. 19. (Cancelled)